

The History of AOSR: Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology

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The Beginnings

In the 1960s, there was a growing awareness of the need to develop closer ties between radiologists in the various nations of Asia and Oceania. Not only would this provide opportunities to learn from one another, but more importantly, it would contribute towards furthering harmonious regional and international relationships. To this end, in the northern hemisphere of this region consideration was given to forming a Far Eastern Society, whilst in the southern hemisphere of the region, national radiological societies in Australia, New Zealand and some South-East Asian countries had similar ideas.

Since 1923 the International Society of Radiology (ISR) had provided leadership as the world authority in radiology by way of the International Congress of Radiology (ICR) held every 4 years, and by establishing important standing committees such as the International Commission on Radiological Protection. With representation from the majority of the world's nations, ISR was a suitable forum to discuss matters of general interest for members as well as the wider community.

However with the passage of the years, the influence of ISR waned as a result of the emergence of large regional societies. By the mid-1960s a zonal pattern was developing.

In the Americas, the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), begun in 1928, brought together Canada and the United States and was growing from strength to strength due much to its considerable available financial resources to promote training and research. Another society, the Inter-American Society of Radiology, embracing both North and South America, characterised by being multilingual, had been established in 1933, and continued to the present, but has not reached the level of significance of RSNA. The yearly RSNA congress thus became the main focus for manufacturers and the trade industry to exhibit their latest wares and radiologists from worldwide flocked to Chicago to see what was on offer as well as to attend the excellent academic programmes.

In the European zone, there was the European Association of Radiology (EAR), a federation of national societies founded in 1962, and the European Congress of Radiology (ECR), the organising body of the eponymous congress, which was founded in 1967 and conducted congresses every four years. Over time, no doubt stimulated by the success of RSNA, European radiologists set about to improve the stature of their Society through the European Congress of Radiology. This was well under way by the 1960s and today, ECR is held every year in Vienna.

Another important factor which encouraged the development of regional congresses came from the trade houses. With the exponential escalation of radiology as expected, individual countries, with increasing numbers of radiologists, established their own national annual congresses and looked to the

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various firms and trade houses for financial and other support. In addition subspecialty societies and meetings evolved, placing further burdens on the resources of companies. Understandably, the commercial world saw that supporting only large regional congresses was a way to rationalise their commitments. By the late 1960s, there was a trend towards the large company headquarters supporting only major congresses, leaving the question of assisting national meetings to their local agents. This was the state of affairs when the thought of setting up a regional society in the Asia and Pacific region was contemplated.

The idea of setting up the Asian-Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) came about in the late 1960s when questionnaires were circulated to 13 constituent nations/territories and opinions were sought (Fig. 1: Questionnaires issued by the Preparation Office of the Meeting of Asia Regional Radiologists; Fig. 2: Answers given to the Questionnaires). There was a general consensus towards establishing a regional radiological society. In 1969, for the first time the ICR was held in Asia, at the Otani Hotel in Tokyo, Japan, providing the opportunity to discuss the formation of an Asian Oceanian radiological society. This meeting was hosted by the Japanese delegation and was attended by 12 nations (transcribed from original documents), namely, Australia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of China and Thailand. Incidentally, the ICR in Tokyo was a great success and Professor Tsukimoto was installed as President of ISR and Dr. Adachi as General Secretary of the Congress.

QUESTIONNAIRES
(Check your preferences)

I. Re: The Asiatic Society of Radiology

- 1) a. Desirable
b. Undesirable
- 2) Its structure be
a. based on the ISR style
b. independently organized
c. other than a. and b.: our proposal be _____
- 3) If/when the Society be organized
a. we will participate in it.
b. we will not participate in it.
c. (In case of a.) about _____ persons will be expected to join.
- 4) When the secretariat is formed,
a. we will take responsibility of it.
b. we will not take responsibility of it.
c. (In case of b.) we think _____ (name of country) is most appropriate to assume the responsibility.

II. Re: The Asian-Pacific Congress

- 1) Concerning holding a Congress
a. Desirable
b. Undesirable
- 2) Concerning holding the Congress once in 4 years (every four years)
a. Desirable
b. Undesirable
c. Every _____ years
- 3) Participating countries
a. only in the Asian area
b. including the Oceanian countries
c. including the western area of the North America (U.S.A.)
d. including larger areas than a. b. and c.
- 4) Should the Second Congress be held in 1975,
a. we would take responsibility of it.
b. we will not take responsibility.
c. (In case of b.) we think _____ (name of a country) is most appropriate to assume the responsibility.
The country should be selected at the time of the First Meeting in Melbourne.

* Figure 1 Questionnaires issued by the Preparation Office of the Meeting of Asia Regional Radiologists circulated to 13 constituent nations/territories

ANSWERS given to the Questionnaires issued by the Preparation Office of the Meeting of Asia Regional Radiologists

Numbers of answers from the constituents:

Australia ... 2,	Republic of China ... 1,	Hong Kong ... 1
India ... 1,	Indonesia ... 1,	Japan ... 1
Korea ... 1	Philippines ... 1	Thailand ... 2
<u>Total 11</u>		

I. Re: The Asiatic Society of Radiology

- 1) The Asiatic Society of Radiology is desirable 11
- 2) a. Its structure be based on the ISR style 9
b. It should be organized independently 2
- 3) If/when the Society is organized,
a. we will participate in it 11
a. unable to decide at this stage 1 (Hong Kong)
When organized, about 50 persons from Indonesia, 5 persons from Korea, 5 persons from Thailand, 10 persons from India, about 300-350 persons from Australia, about 300 persons from Japan, and a certain number of persons from Philippines are expected to join. The rest of the countries did not give any answer to the question.
- 4) When the secretariat is formed,
a. we will take responsibility ... 3 (Australia 2, Indonesia)
b. we will not take it 7 (Korea, Hong Kong, China, Thailand 2, India, Philippines, J.S.A.)
c. preferably not, but if no one else take it, we will take it 1 (Japan)
d. in case of b, the most appropriate country to assume the responsibility is: Australia ... 2 Japan ... 3 and no-answer ... 3

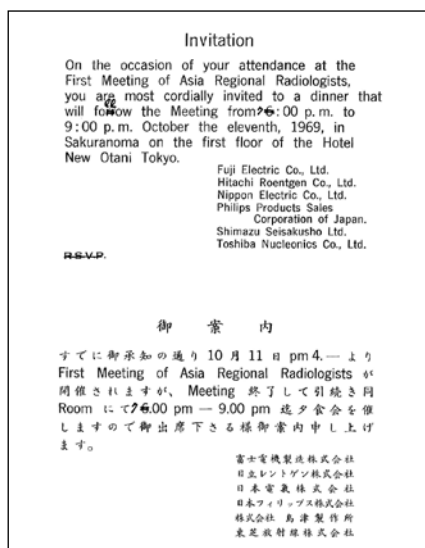
II. Re: The Asian-Pacific Congress

- 1) It is desirable to hold a Congress 11
- 2) It be held once in 4 years 11
- 3) Participating countries be
a. only from the Asian area ... 2
b. including the Oceanian countries ... 9
c. including the western area of the North America ... 1
- 4) Should the Second Congress be held in 1975,
a. we would not take responsibility 11
b. in case of a, the most appropriate country to assume the responsibility is: Australia ... 1 Hong Kong ... 1 India ... 1 Japan ... 3 U.S.A. ... 1
c. The country should be selected at the time of the First Meeting in Melbourne 4

* Figure 2 Answers given to the Questionnaires returned to the Preparatory Committee

The Formation of the Society

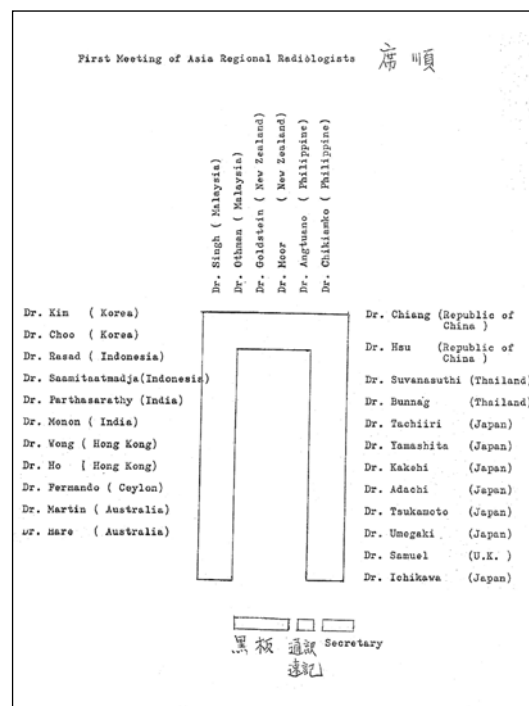
This first meeting was held during the ICR on 11th October, 1969 at 4:30pm in Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, Japan. Participating delegates, including radiologists and radiotherapists, from the national radiological societies in the region were invited to discuss the formation of a regional society, which would assume the same status as the other two large regional societies, namely the RSNA and the ESR. The meeting was called *The First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists*. There were 30 participants. (Fig. 3: Invitation card; Fig. 4: Original list of participants; Fig. 5: Seating Plan; Fig. 6: Agenda of First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists). Professor William Hare was nominated the Chair of the meeting. It was agreed that a society be formed with the boundaries extending from Pakistan in the West to the western shore of the United States of America in the East, and from Korea in the North to Australia and New Zealand in the South. Considerable debate took place on a suitable name for the new Society. Australia and New Zealand had proposed that the society be called "The Asian-Pacific Society of Radiology", Dr. John Ho of Hong Kong however, pointed out that this was rather restrictive and not sufficiently all-embracing. He suggested that The Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology would be more appropriate, including, as it does Asia and the islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. His recommendation was agreed to, but, as many commented on later, this decision created pronunciation difficulties for years to come, particularly, but not only, for radiologists in non-



* **Figure 3** Invitation Card of The First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists

List of Participants	
AUSTRALIA	1. Dr. Hare, William S.O. 2. Dr. Martin, John J.
CEYLON	1. Dr. Fernando, H.K.T.
HONG KONG	1. Dr. Ho, John Hung-Chiu 2. Dr. Wong, Chong-Ping
INDIA	1. Dr. Menon, A.N.K. 2. Dr. Parthasarathy, L.R.
INDONESIA	1. Dr. Rasad, Raginda Sjahriar 2. Dr. Samitastmadja, Gani Ilija
JAPAN	1. Dr. Tachiri, Hiroo 2. Dr. Yamashita, Hisao 3. Dr. Kakehi, Hirotake 4. Dr. Adachi, Tadashi
KOREA	1. Dr. Choo, Dong Woon 2. Dr. Kim, Cha Wan
MALAYSIA	1. Dr. Perdanam Singh 2. Dr. Ahmad bin Haji Othman
NEW ZEALAND	1. Dr. Goldstein, Anthony Malcolm 2. Dr. Moor, Stephen
PHILIPPINES	1. Dr. Principe 2. Dr. Chikiambo, Paterno
REPUBLIC OF CHINA	1. Dr. Chiang, Lan-Chang 2. Dr. Hsu, Chun
THAILAND	1. Dr. Suwanasuthi, Rajana 2. Dr. Sunng, Tawan Suriwongse
Observer	Dr. Samuel, Eric — Secretary of I.S.R.
Members of Preparation Committee	Dr. Tsukamoto, Kenzo Dr. Uesugi, Yoichiro Dr. Ichikawa, Keisaburo Dr. Mikuriya, Shuichi

* **Figure 4** Original List of Participants of The First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists



* **Figure 5** Record of Seating Plan of The First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists

English speaking countries. It was decided that the English language would be used for all Society's activities, including the presentation of papers at the proposed congresses to be held every four years.

That meeting also discussed a basic constitution. From the very beginning of this new Society, it was decided that each member nation would be eligible to have two delegates sitting on the AOSR Council, irrespective of the number of members in the national society. For some nations which did not have a constituted association or society, it was agreed that the local radiologists nominate two of their members as delegates to Council. Determining the amount of subscription by each member nation to the Society

A G E N D A		List of Delegates to First Meeting of Asia Regional Radiologists	
FIRST MEETING OF ASIA REGIONAL RADIOLOGISTS October 11, 1969, 4:30 — 7:00 p.m. "Sakura-no-Ma" (Cherry Room), Hotel New Otani	(1) OPENING OF THE MEETING	Prof. Kenzo Tsukamoto	AUSTRALIA 1. Dr. Hare, William S.O. 2. Dr. Martin, John J.
	(2) RESPONSES	Dr. Yoichiro Uesugi	CEYLON 1. Dr. H.K.T. Fernando
	a) on summaries of "Questionnaires"		HONG KONG 1. Dr. Ho, Hung-Chiu 2. Dr. Wong, Chong-Ping
	b) on attached materials		INDIA 1. Dr. Menon, A.N.K. 2. Dr. Parthasarathy, L.R.
	(3) PROPOSALS AND DISCUSSIONS		INDONESIA 1. Dr. Rasad, Raginda Sjahriar 2. Dr. Samitastmadja, Gani Ilija
	a) The First Asian-Pacific Congress of Radiology in 1971	Prof. William Hare	JAPAN 1. Dr. Tachiri, Hiroo 2. Dr. Yamashita, Hisao 3. Dr. Kakehi, Hirotake 4. Dr. Adachi, Tadashi
	b) Establishment of the Society of the Asia Regional Radiologists as a Standing Body	Prof. Kenzo Tsukamoto	KOREA 1. Dr. Choo, Dong Woon 2. Dr. Kim, Cha Wan
	c) Others		MALAYSIA 1. Dr. Perdanam Singh 2. Dr. Ahmad bin Haji Othman
	If and when the proposals mentioned above is approved, the following items are to be discussed.		
	(4) NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION		NEW ZEALAND 1. Dr. Goldstein, Anthony Malcolm 2. Dr. Moor, Stephen
	(5) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY		PHILIPPINES 1. Dr. Angtano, Romanovskaya 2. Dr. Chikiambo, Paterno
	a) To hold the Congress		REPUBLIC OF CHINA 1. Dr. Chiang, Lan-Chang 2. Dr. Hsu, Chun
	b) Business for members' registration		THAILAND 1. Dr. Suwanasuthi, Rajana 2. Dr. Bunnag, Tawan Suriwongse
	c) Publication		Members of Preparation Committee Dr. Tsukamoto, Kenzo Dr. Uesugi, Yoichiro Dr. Ichikawa, Keisaburo Dr. Mikuriya, Shuichi
	d) Others		
(6) PLACE OF THE SECRETARIAT			
(7) AFFILIATION	— Qualifications, Areas, Countries, Other Matters.		
(8) ORGANIZATION	— General Meeting, Council, Executive Committee, Secretariat, Subcommittees, and others.		
(9) OFFICERS	— President, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer, and others.		
(10) FINANCE			
(11) RELATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RADIOLOGY			
(12) DRAFTING OF "THE RULES AND REGULATIONS"			
(13) DATE OF THE SECOND MEETING			
(14) OTHERS			

* **Figure 6** Agenda of The First Meeting of Asian and Oceanian Regional Radiologists on October 11, 1969, 4:30 — 7:00p.m. "Sakura-no-Ma" (Cherry Room), Hotel New Otani, Japan

<p>PROPOSED STATUTES FOR THE ASIAN AND OCEANIAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGY</p> <p>ARTICLE I Name</p> <p>The name of the A.O.S.R. shall be the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology, hereinafter referred to as the A. & O.S.R.</p> <p>II Purposes</p> <p>The purposes of the A. & O.S.R. will be -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster medical radiology in the Asian and Oceanian Region 2. To undertake any business of a scientific or educational nature referred by a member country from time to time. 3. To promote the biannual Asian and Oceanian Congresses of Radiology. The A. & O.S.R., however, shall not provide financial support for these congresses. <p>III Membership</p> <p>Membership shall be open to radiological societies in all countries within the Asian and Oceanian region. In those countries, within the region, with no radiological society, membership will be on an individual basis.</p> <p>IV Termination of Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member society, or an individual member in a country without a society, may resign membership of the A. & O.S.R. by communicating in writing with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer at least twelve months before the date when payment of the annual subscription becomes due. 2. A member society, or an individual member from a country without a radiological society, may be expelled by decision of the Council at any regular meeting because of failure to pay the subscription. <p>V Subscription</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The A. & O.S.R. shall be supported financially by annual subscriptions from the member societies, and from individual members in those countries where no radiological society exists. 2. The subscriptions shall be prescribed by the Council at any regular meeting and established in terms of the U.S. dollar as a certain amount of money per participating individual member. 3. Subscriptions shall be calculated as from November 1st and paid to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer on or before December 31st each year. <p>VI Committee and Officers</p> <p>The A. & O.S.R. shall be governed by the Council. The officers shall be -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the President 2. the Vice-President 3. the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. 	<p>VII The Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council of the A. & O.S.R. shall be composed of two representatives from each country with a member society and two representatives, when available, from each country without a radiological society. 2. The Council shall receive the reports of the A. & O.S.R., approve the accounts, elect the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, select the place of the secretariat, prescribe the subscriptions, and perform any other duty as required in the Statutes. 3. The Council is responsible for the care and disposal of the funds of the A. & O.S.R. It shall decide for what purpose these funds shall be used, within the limitations of the Statutes. <p>VIII The President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The President of the A. & O.S.R. shall be the President of the Asian and Oceanian Congress, provided a radiological society of his country is a member society of the A. & O.S.R. 2. The President shall continue to hold office until the first meeting of the Council immediately preceding the beginning of the next Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology. In the event of death or inability of the President to act, his duties shall be carried out by the Vice President. 3. The President of the A. & O.S.R. shall be Chairman of the Council, and shall present reports of their activities to the Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology. <p>IX The Vice President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Vice President of the A. & O.S.R. shall be the person elected to be the President of the next succeeding Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, provided a radiological society of his country is a member society of the A. & O.S.R. 2. The Vice President shall be a member of Council as of right if he is not already a member by virtue of his membership of Council. 3. The Vice President shall hold office until the first meeting of the Council immediately preceding the beginning of the next Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology. In the event of his death or inability to act, his duties shall be carried out pro tempore by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer pending election of a successor as provided in paragraph (1) above. <p>X The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the Council. He shall hold office from one Asian and Oceanian Congress to the next. He may be re-elected. 2. The duties of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer are - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. to manage the permanent secretariat b. to be responsible for the correspondence of the A. & O.S.R. c. to receive all monies payable to the A. & O.S.R. and to deposit them in a bank in the name of the A. & O.S.R. d. to draw and sign checks on the account of the A. & O.S.R. for the payment of bills against the A. & O.S.R. which have been approved by Council; provided that these checks be countersigned by one other member of Council, approved by Council. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. to keep proper financial records which shall be notified as provided in Article 10 b. to keep a list of the member societies in all countries with the names and addresses of their officers and individual members, this list to be revised yearly upon receipt of information from the member societies or individual members of these countries without a radiological society; c. to render the secretariat of all countries not later than November 1st each year a. to calculate the subscription, b. to forward this amount on or before November 1st, and c. to include a current list of individual members of that member society d. to keep minutes of all meetings of Council. <p>XI The Secretariat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A permanent Secretariat for the A. & O.S.R. shall be established in each place as may be designated by Council. 2. The function of the Secretariat is to maintain any records which may be sent to it by the President or other officers, and to serve as headquarters for the work of the A. & O.S.R. 3. The supervision of the Secretariat is the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. <p>XII Official Language</p> <p>The Official language of the A. & O.S.R. shall be English.</p> <p>XIII The Meetings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council shall meet at each Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology and shall hold as many sessions as necessary to accomplish its business at the discretion of the Chairman. 2. If a country is unable to send representatives to the Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, the member society of that country shall be entitled to authorize another two members of Council to represent it with the right to vote. No member of Council may thus represent by proxy more than one other country in addition to his own. The member society desiring to be represented by proxy must send a written authorization to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer signed by the appropriate officials, giving the name and address of the members of Council chosen to represent it. This written authorization must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer at the time of the opening of the meeting of Council. 3. Council shall meet at other times at its own discretion. The choice of the members of Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. <p>XIV Audit and Accounts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The auditing of the accounts for the A. & O.S.R. shall be placed in the hands of a certified or chartered public accountant approved by Council. <p>XV Amendment to the Statutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to these Statutes may be proposed by any member society or its representative in Council and must be received by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer not later than eight months prior to the next meeting of Council. 2. These Statutes may be amended by a two thirds majority of the members of Council present or represented by proxy, if a quorum is present as provided in Article 12.
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* Figure 7 Proposed Statutes for the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology

was complicated by the fact that some member nations only had small number of members. Furthermore, many member nations had diverse financial status. It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Australian Delegates to hold the First Asian-Oceanian Congress in Melbourne, Australia, in 1971. Professor William S.C. Hare was elected the Foundation President of the Society and Dr. John J. Martin the first Honorary Secretary/Treasurer.

The nations forming the Society initially were: Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, Hawaii, Western

Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Pakistan.

Statutes for the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology

The proposed Statutes for the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology were formulated by Dr. J.J. Martin, Dr. Robert Bourne of Australia and Dr. John Ho of Hong Kong (Fig. 7: Proposed Statutes; Fig. 8: News Sheet, April 1973) at the Second Meeting of the AOSR in Melbourne and was sent to all members. The printed Statutes was distributed in 1993 (Fig. 9: Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology Statutes).

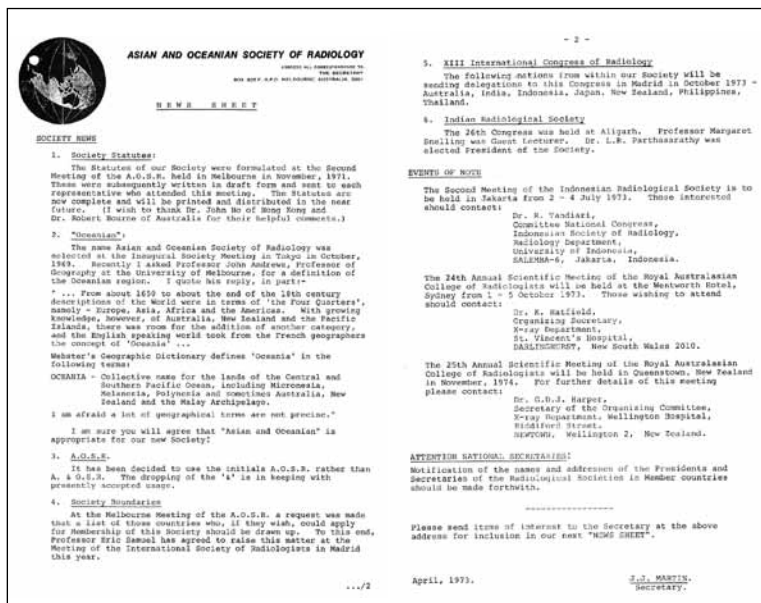
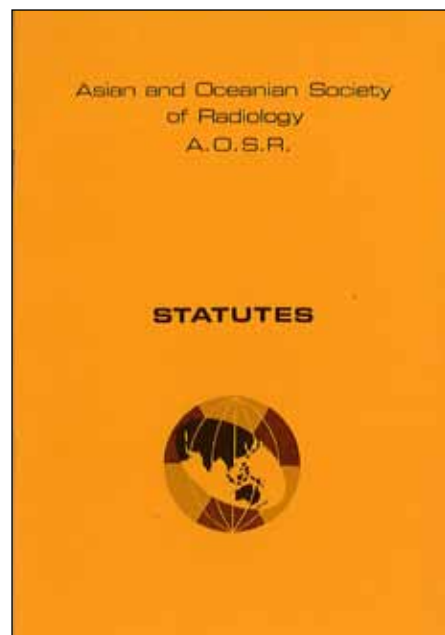


Figure 8 News Sheet, April 1973 - 1st Communication Paper with Member Societies



* Figure 9 Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology A.O.S.R. STATUTES printed in 1993

Executive Committee and Executive Council of AOSR

Executive Committee of AOSR: The members of the Executive Committee were nominated and voted in by the Member Societies. The Executive Committee in the beginning consisted only of a few members. At the AOSR Council meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 1995, it was decided and endorsed by the Executive Committee to increase the membership of the Executive Committee by three, with arrangements to meet between AOCRs.

Executive Council of AOSR: The Executive Council presently consists of the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, four Ordinary Executive Council Members, Immediate Past-President and Co-opted Councillor with 7 Committees. For the General

Assembly, it normally conducts the Assembly meeting during every AOCR and is made up of the Executive Council and the representatives from Member Societies.

Registration and Constitutions

As AOSR grew, there came the need for this Society to be formally registered and to have a proper Society Constitution. The Society was first registered in Singapore. However, due to various regulations, including taxation required of registered Societies in Singapore, it was decided to move the site of AOSR registration. It was first relocated to Australia in 2005 and managed by The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR). Then in 2010, Korean Society of Radiology (KSR) took over the management and AOSR was registered in Korea.

Presidents of Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (Fig. 10)



William S C Hare
Founding President
Australia
1971 – 1975



Federico Principe
Philippines
1975 – 1979



Michael K W Chow
Singapore
1979 – 1983



Romsai Suwanik
Thailand
1983 – 1987



Chi Yul Ahn
Korea
1987 – 1991



K R Chaudhari
India
1991 – 1995



K Kulaveerasingam
Malaysia
1995 – 1998



H Katayama
Japan
1998 – 2001



Lilian Leong
Hong Kong
2001 – 2004



Lenny Tan
Singapore
2004 – 2006



Ken Thomson
Australia
2006 – 2008



Jian Ping Dai
China
2008 – 2010



Byung Ihn Choi
Korea
2010 –

AOSR President's Chain of Office

The original chain was donated by Dr. Principe of Philippine, but regrettably, it later become lost. It was remade and was donated by Korean Radiological Society under the leadership of Professor Man Chung Han (Fig. 11: AOSR President's Chain of Office).



Figure 11 AOSR President's Chain of Office

AOSR Gold Medallists

William SC Hare,	Australia	(2001)
Man-Chung Han,	Korea	(2001)
K Kulaveerasingam,	Malaysia	(2001)
Holger Peterrson,	Sweden	(2001)
Charles A Gooding,	USA	(2004)
Hitoshi Katayama,	Japan	(2004)
Guozhen Li,	China	(2006)
Anne G Osborn,	USA	(2006)
Lilian Leong,	Hong Kong	(2008)
Joseph KT Lee,	USA	(2008)
Alexander R Margulis,	USA	(2010)
Sudarshan Aggarwal,	India	(2010)

Activities of AOSR

Though AOSR does not possess a permanent office address, the Executive Committee of AOSR can regularly conduct her business meetings during each AOCR and through support of her Member Societies. JCMP and Japan Radiological Society had been inviting members of Executive Committee to attend their annual congress for such purposes (Fig. 12: AOSR Executive Committee Meetings). Other Societies like Chinese Radiological Society, Hong Kong College of Radiologists, etc. had done likewise.

Satyapal Aggarwal Memorial Lecture

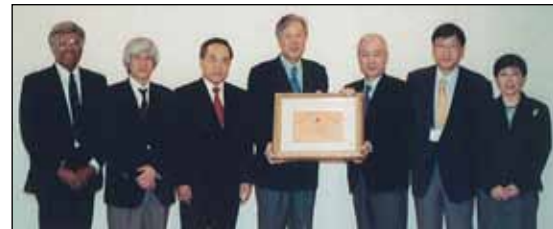
Through Dr. Sudarshan Aggarwal, a donation was made and contributed to the setting up of Satyapal Aggarwal Lecture in memory of his brother, Dr. Satya Pal Aggarwal, the renowned Indian radiologist who had been the President of the Indian Radiological Association and installed the first CT in Delhi. The donation contributed to the invitation of international eminent radiologists to deliver the Satyapal Aggarwal



AOSR Executive Committee Meeting in 1998 in Kobe, Japan



AOSR Executive Committee Meeting in 1999 in Yokohama, Japan, supported by JCMP and Japan Radiological Society



AOSR Executive Committee presented the plaque of appreciation to Japan Radiological Society for their contribution & support to AOSR

Figure 12

Lecture which was always a highlight of the AOCR. The inaugural Aggarwal Lecture was delivered by Professor William Hare in 1991, followed by Prof. Alexander Margulis, Prof. Roberto Passariello, Dr. Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, Prof. Philippe Grenier, Prof. Hedvig Hricak and Prof. William Bradley.

AOCR : Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology

At the beginning, the AOCR took place every four years. Then the interval was shortened to every 3 years. At the 8th AOCR in Kobe, Japan in 1998, it was resolved to organise the AOCR every 2 years. There was also considerable discussion on establishing a permanent venue for AOCR, using RSNA and ECR as examples. Singapore had bidden to become the permanent congress venue. The proposal was considered and



Figure 13 Singapore Convention News, Second Issue 1998 - Singapore was accepted as the semipermanent venue for the 9th & 10th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology in 2001 & 2004

Singapore was accepted as the semipermanent venue for the next 2 Congresses (Fig. 13: Singapore Convention News, Second Issue 1998). The decision of permanent/ semi-permanent venue was to be reviewed after that. In the 10th AOCR in 2003, after the review, it was decided that it was in the interest of the region to rotate the venues of AOCR, thus the bidding for organising AOCR by Member Societies remains. In the past 40 years, there have been thirteen successful AOCR organised due to the enthusiasm and hard work of Member Societies and their dedicated radiologists.

Though attendance varied, affected by situation like the SARS outbreak, economic fluctuation, and post-earthquake sentiments, the Congresses were always successful in providing a good forum for academic and cultural exchange. It remains as the most important radiological meeting of the region, well supported by the profession and the industry. With sponsorships for young radiologists, AOCR has been providing many learning opportunities for our radiologists in training.

AOCR Venues

1 st AOCR	- Melbourne, Australia	1971
2 nd AOCR	- Manila, Philippines	1975
3 rd AOCR	- Singapore	1979
4 th AOCR	- Bangkok, Thailand	1983
5 th AOCR	- Seoul, Korea	1987
6 th AOCR	- New Delhi, India	1991
7 th AOCR	- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	1995
8 th AOCR	- Kobe, Japan	1998
9 th AOCR	- Singapore	2001
10 th AOCR	- Singapore	2003
11 th AOCR	- Hong Kong	2006
12 th AOCR	- Seoul, Korea	2008
13 th AOCR	- Taipei, Chinese Taipei	2010
14 th AOCR	- Sydney, Australia	2012

Picture Gallery of Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR)

The 1st Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 22nd – 26th November 1971, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



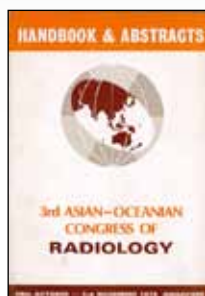
Second Announcement of 1st AOCR

The 2nd Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 10th – 14th November 1975, Manila, Philippines



News Sheet of 2nd AOCR

The 3rd Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 28th October – 3rd November 1979, Singapore



Handbook & Abstracts of 3rd AOCR



AOSR Executive Council Meeting with delegates from Member Societies

The 4th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 1983, Bangkok, Thailand



Social Event of 4th AOCR



Delegates and speakers including Dr. CP Wong (HK), Dr. Ralph McCready (UK) and Prof. R. Steiner (UK) in 2nd row participated in the Congress social event

The 5th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 21st – 25th September 1987, Seoul, Korea

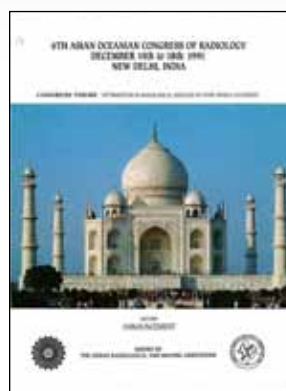


Congress Banquet - Korean Night of 5th AOCR



Professor Man Chung Han greeting the international delegates

The 6th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 14th – 18th December 1991, New Delhi, India



Second Announcement of 6th AOCR



Participants in the meeting venue

The 7th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 29th May – 1st June 1995, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Daily News of 7th AOCR



Second Announcement of 7th AOCR — celebrating 100 years of Radiology



Award to Prof. John H.C. Ho: Certificate of Honour

The 8th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 5th – 8th April 1998, Kobe, Japan



Third Circular of 8th AOCR



Speakers, delegates with members of Local Organising Committee at the social function

The 9th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 22nd – 26th July 2001, Singapore



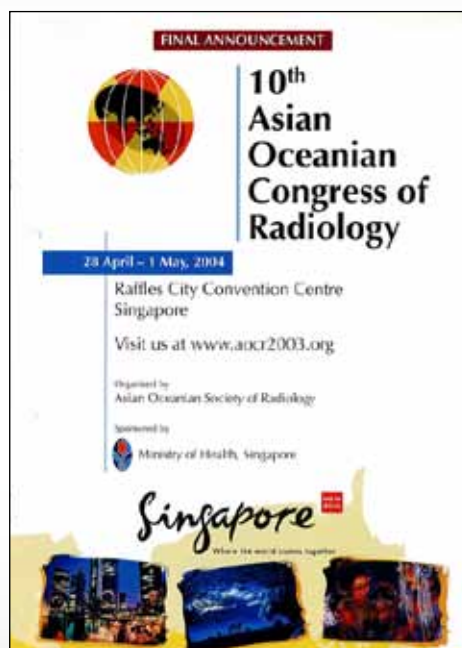
The Executive Council with Dignitaries of Singapore and Prof. Alexander Margulis

Touring of Trade Exhibition



Official Opening of 9th AOCR

The 10th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 28th April – 1st May 2004, Singapore



Final Announcement of 10th AOCR

The 11th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 6th – 9th August 2006, Hong Kong



Opening Ceremony of 11th AOCR



Publications

AOCR Gold Medalists: Prof. Anne Osborn (left of 2nd row) and Prof. Guozhen Li (4th of 1st row) with other power ladies



The 12th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 24th – 28th October 2008, Seoul, Korea



2nd Announcement of 12th AOCR



Promotion of AOCR 2008



(From left to Right) Prof. Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, Dr. Lilian Leong, Prof. Man Chung Han, Prof. Borut Marincek

The 13th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 20th – 23rd March 2010, Taipei, Chinese Taipei

Programme Book of 13th AOCR



Performance at Opening Ceremony of 13th AOCR



Founding President of AOSR, Prof. William Hare, showing off his gift

The 14th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 29th August – 2nd September 2012, Sydney, Australia



Invitation Leaflet

Publications and Educational Activities

Much efforts were made in early days to keep good communications between Member Societies and their members. The earliest attempt (1973) was the News Sheet, which was mailed to contacts of National Societies (same Fig. 8. referred). With the support of a sponsor, Prof. Hare started the publication of the AOSR Bulletin in 1979 (Fig. 14: AOSR December 1988 Bulletin). That served as a useful tool to keep the profession in the region updated of the happenings. Then Dr. Sudarshan K. Aggarwal of India managed to get funding to start the AOSR Journal in 1995, he himself being the Editor-in-Chief (Fig. 15: Asian Oceanian Journal of Radiology). The Journal had attracted many good contributions from the region. However, regrettably, when sponsorship ceased, both publications had to be discontinued.

From 1996, through the hard work of Dr. K. Kulaveerasingam, the 7th President of AOSR, and Dr. M.S. Joshi, the Chairman of the ASDIR Committee, and with the sponsorship of Bracco International, there were also very successful series of ASDIR, Asian-Oceanian Seminars on Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology under the umbrella of AOSR and Asean Association of Radiology (AAR). These seminars were held in different countries to allow more area coverage and to enhance fellowship between Asian radiologists. To further promote radiological education in the region, the teachers and speakers of ASDIR were nominated from the local organisers and from the region (Fig. 16).

AOSR also forms an important medium for conducting regional research and surveys. There have been useful surveys into manpower analysis, teleradiology development, etc. in different countries. In 1998, a Committee on Training, Training Centres and Certification was set up under AOSR Education Workshop with the aim of providing an advisory role on training standards, training guidelines, and to facilitate training information, resources on teaching materials, and opportunities for training sponsorship. A survey was conducted on the training centres in Bangladesh, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The report was released in 1999. The Committee was chaired by Dr. FL Chan (Hong Kong) and members were SK Aggarwal (India), KS Cho (Korea), HM Liu (Chinese Taipei) and S Suthipongchai (Thailand). AOSR has always been active in educational activities and continues to be so, represented in various forums organised by RSNA, ISR/ICR, International Radiology Quality Network (IRQN) and sharing its experience and progress with other regional radiological organisations.

Present

This year marks the 40th year of Anniversary of AOSR. There are 23 Member Societies comprising of Bangladesh Society of Radiology & Imaging, Chinese



Figure 14 A.O.S.R.
December 1988 Bulletin



Figure 15 Asian Oceanian Journal of Radiology and
Chief Editor, Dr. Sudarshan K. Aggarwal



Figure 16 Asian-Oceanian
Seminars on Diagnostic and
Interventional Radiology

Society of Radiology, Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology, College of Radiology Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Fiji Radiology, Hong Kong College of Radiologists, Indian Radiological & Imaging Association, Indonesian Radiological Society, Japan Radiological Society, Korean Society of Radiology, Macau Radiology Association, Mongolian Radiological Society, Nepal Radiologists' Association, Philippine College of Radiology, Radiological Society of Pakistan, Radiologist Ministry of Health Tonga, Royal College of Radiology of Thailand, Samoa Society of Radiology, Singapore Radiological Society, Sri Lanka College of Radiologists, The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Radiologists, Uzbekistan Radiology Society and Vietnam Society of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. AOSR is now registered in Korea and managed by the Korean Society of Radiology. The website is <http://www.theaosr.org>. The Asian Oceanian Journal of Radiology (AOJR) is affiliated with the Biomedical Imaging & Intervention Journal (BIJ).

With the support of the Member Societies and healthcare professionals, one can anticipate the continual growth of AOSR with the rapid advancement of radiology in our region.

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